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LAKEVIEW FAMILY DENIED DECENT HOUSING

Decent housing is a basic human right—but time after time it turns out to be another right that we have to fight for. One example is the Rodriguez family's struggle for a decent place to live. Soledad Rodriguez and her husband and six children have gone from place to place trying to find an apartment fit to live in. They finally moved into an apartment building that was owned by St. Paul's Church. The church had bought the property in order to provide housing for large families. But it didn't turn out as good as they had hoped—the rent was reasonable, but the cost of the utilities was tremendously high and after a while the church decided to renovate the building and cut it up into smaller apartments for better income property. They told Soledad to move. Where? The apartments that are large enough and will accpet children are run-down firetraps. The places that have been remodeled are outrageously expensive, won't take children are too small. Desparate, Soledad went and asked Urban Renewal.

Urban Renewal put her in contact with the Federal Housing Administration (FHA)—a government agency. FHA told her that she could buy a house with only a $250 down payment and they sent her to Sky Realty Company to solve all her problems. Sky had a house for her. It cost $15,000 and all she needed was a $200down payment and she could pay it off with 8% interest. Besides, she could move into the first floor and there were two other apartments that she would collect rent from. Soledad never got to see the apartment on the second floor because the lady was never home, but a recent building inspection (done by the city) showed that there were only a few violations in the building which Sky Realty, in the sales contract, agreed to repair. Besides, FHA is supposed to inspect all the houses they put on their list to make sure they are not in violation with the housing code.

Well, first Soledad found out that they had to pay a closing cost besides the down payment. FHA guaranteed this cost would be no more than $250 and promised to tell Soledad exactly what it would be a good time in advance. The day before the closing deal Soledad was told that it would not be $250 but $585. There was no way that she could raise that much money but she had already paid the $200 for the down payment. So when Sky Realty offered to pay the $585, if she could pay them back within 45 days, she agreed, thinking that the rent from the two other apartments would help. The deal was closed.

Soledad moved her family into the house. The first thing they found was that Sky Realty did not do the repairs they had agreed to do in the first floor apartment. She called the lawyer from Legal Aid—another government agency—that she had contacted before she closed the deal. He had advised her to take the deal but now he said it was her problem and there was nothing he could do.

This wall, along with the entire house, was approved by the building inspector at the time of purchase. Now that the family is moved in, the city has changed its tune.

The next surprise was when the lady on the 2nd floor refused to pay her rent because her apartment needed repairs. Soledad finally saw it and it turned out to be very different than Sky Realty and the city inspectors had said. There were holes in the walls, leaking pipes and bugs—it was not fit for human beings to live in.

A man from the Department of Human Resources (DHR) came out on request from the woman on the 2nd floor. After his inspection he told Soledad she would get in trouble if she didn't fix up the apartment. She explained that it was Sky Realty's responsibility, not hers. The inspector from DHR sent a man from the City Building Inspection to look at the house. This inspector didn't even go into the 2nd floor apartment and he turned in a completely different report than the first city inspector had done before Soledad had signed. There were several major violations in the house which couldn't have possibly occured in the short time Soledad had been owner of the house. But, Soledad got a notice to appear in court for violating the housing code.

Soledad didn't go to court because they couldn't afford a lawyer and they certainly couldn't pay for the repairs. They were trying to pay the closing costs without the expected rent coming in and her husbands check barely covered living expenses for the eight of them. Finally Soledad found a lawyer who took her case for free because he believes in the people's rignt to decent housing. Soledad also contacted the Booster and they came out and took an interview, but didn't put it in the paper till about 4 weeks later. Soledad also got NBC to do the story over the air. Finally, because they didn't like all the bad publicity, Sky Realty, FHA and the city Building Inspectors came around. Sky asked why she hadn't informed them about the conditions of the house? (She had called Sky so much her finger was blue from dialing.) The city inspector told her not to worry about the court date because they had to do an investigation (even though the house had already been inspected twice). She was given a later court date. FHA finally talked to Sky Realty about paying for some of the repairs to settle the case.

Soledad and children

But what about the Rodriguez family? They are stuck with high payments they can't afford because no one will live on the 2nd floor. They still have to live in a run-down apartment. They still have to go to court for violations they didn't have anything to do with. And they have gone through all this hassle just to have a place to live in.

And what about all the thousands of other families that have been cheated and messed over by the City Building Inspectors, FHA and real estate companies like Sky Realty? How can the city inspect a house and then lie about it? What happened to the inspection FHA was supposed to have done to see that the house was o k before they put it on their list? Why can Sky Realty get away with violating the law and cheating the people? Most people fall into situations like these because they are desperate and it seems like their dream come true. But we have to stop these dreams from being turned into nightmares at the hands of the greedy capitalists. People have to stand together and demand decent housing. And if you have a chance, like Soledad did, to buy a house, be sure you have a people's lawyer to check into it before you sign anything.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!
CONTACT RISING UP ANGRY'S LEGAL PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7 to 9pm.

PEOPLE'S GRAPEVINE

Ronnie Bronski, in the court room and under guard, just before his release. He was held illegally all summer long in Joliet, just to keep him off the streets and away from the people, where he is loved.

WELCOME BACK RONNIE

Ronnie Bronski is out of the clutches of the fascists and back with the people. Ronnie has been in Joliet since May 23rd, when the pigs beat him and later arrested him for going to the aid of a brother in Lincoln Park. He has been held under investigative detention since that time. In other words, he's been locked illegally for 3 months.

JAIL THE JAILERS!
FREE THE PEOPLE!

GIVE TO THE PEOPLE

Recently, brothers and sisters from around the city have been donating much needed supplies to RUA and the people. The most recent example is the 30 loaves of bread that were donated to the breakfast program by one Captain Midnite.

The people really appreciate these supplies and we guarantee they are put ot good use. So if anyone else runs across anything from office supplies to cameras, to food, we could sure use some more donations. And for those brothers and sisters who have already seized the time and donated to our programs, we'd like to thank you and keep them coming. We especially want to thank Captain Midnite and his ice capades - whoever she might be.

Sieze the time, brothers and sisters!

BRUTALITY AT LAWRENCE HALL

On August 14, 1971, I saw three counselors gang up on a boy by the name of Donald Estees because one of the counselors said he couldn't go on a group activity. He said he didn't care---so the counselor slapped him in the face. Donald stood up to him but the counselor got him in a head lock. Donald kicked him in the shin and two other counselors came over and held him and one counselor bashed him in his face and messed up his eye. These counselors are going to be sorry.

A BROTHER FROM LAWRENCE HALL

DON'T TALK TO THE FBI!

Recently J. Edgar Hoover's boys from the FBI have been oinking around. They've been asking our friends lots of questions about us. They come on real professional, like they know alot. There's only one thing to know about the FBI--DON'T TALK TO THEM. There is nothing they can do to you. They can't force you to talk. It's not a crime not to talk to the FBI. Don't let them scare you! They'll ask you lots of questions that you might think are unimportant, but don't answer them. Don't try to slick talk them. If you tell them anything, you told them too much. If the FBI contacts you, tell them you have nothing to say. Then call us and let us know.

LOOSE LIPS SINK SHIPS!

DON'T BUY BEGUN'S!

The owners of Begun's clothing stores near Belmont & Lincoln and Milwaukee & Ashland have shown just how reactionary they are by firing all of the employees who tried to join the union. As a result of this mass firing the employees who want to be recognized as members of Local 969 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers are picketing the 2 stores and asking people not to shop at Begun's.

The strike and picket line is to try to win union recognition from Begun's. The employees want higher wages (now some only get $1.50 per hr.); they want to be treated like human beings by the management; they want some fringe bebefits; and they want those employees who were fired for joining the union to be rehired. These demands are obviously not too much to ask from Begun's but the owners have seen fit to fight the union and have hired scabs.

So when you're shopping near Lincoln & Belmont or Ashland & Milwaukee remember don't shop at Begun's. And also show your support for the workers and join in the picket line.

POWER TO THE WORKERS !!!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

THE NEW WORLD I

PIGS RIOT IN VANCOUVER, CANADA

In Canada, an economic colony of US Imperialism, conditions are getting worse, and repression is on the increase.

The repression against workers and young people is particularly intense in Vancouver on the west coast. There are many young people there who've been struggling against the fascist city gov. and police for a long time.

In early August the Yippies called for a smoke-in. Many people in a section of the city called gas town, saw something happening and were checking out the scene. There was a good cross section of the people there — unemployed people, tourists, long hairs, old Gastown residents, shoppers, etc.

Some people were playing drums. An anti-drug Salvation Army type band played, and a revivalist preacher was preaching away against reefer and alcohol. Everything was peaceful, until the mounted po- moved in.

They had redirected traffic around the area. There were about 1500 people there when the pigs attacked. They galloped down sidewalks, smashing through- and knocking over baby carriages, ran down kids with motorcycles, dragged women by their hair through broken glass, and attacked people in groups, brutally beating them. This lasted for 4 hours.

After it was over the newspapers started talking about "possible excessive violence." They refuse to see the changing reality, to call fascism fascism, and admit the pigs are conducting training and preparation when they run amuck like this.

Out of this attack on the people, new steps have been taken to deal with the pigs. The Partisan Party of Vancouver, and other revolutionary groups have established a people's patrol, much like the early Black Panther Party community controls, to watch for police brutality, and to inform the people of their legal rights. The people patrol the streets at night, to protect the others from invading fascists. They demand community control of the police.

POWER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN VANCOUVER!!!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!

PRISONS

Detriot, Michigan: Some 332 women inmates staged a sit-down protest Aug. 25th at the Detriot House of Corrections to demand medical care, clothing, visiting rights, an end to solitary confinement and better academic instructions. In a letter sent to a state legislator, the women focused attention on the heavy, unsanitary work they are required to do at wages paying 10 cents to 35 cents a day. The women must lift 100 pound bags of disease-ridden laundry from the Detriot General Hospital without adequate protection from the bacteria carried by the laundry. The women, mostly black, staged a prevoius strike last July 12th in protest to degrading searches made by prison officials.

Schenectady, NY: Inmates at the Schenectady county jail went on a hunger strike, Aug. 16th, demanding an inmate council to arbitrate prisoner demands, equal priveliges for women, bi-weekly doctors visits, educa— tional courses and extended visiting hours, among other demands. The strike is the second at the county jail since last spring.

RUA RUA

FREE JIMI LOPEZ

Jimi Lopez is being held in Cook County jail on a bogus murder rap. The pigs know he didn't kill the man he's accussed of killing. They had a description, and were looking for a Puerto Rican, any Puerto Rican. They settled for Jimi who happens to be Philipino-Mexican. The so--- called "witnesses" don't even say he was there. The pigs aren't fooling anyone, and we look to have Jimi back with us, among the people, very soon. Stay in touch with the Angry legal program for information concerning Jimi and his trial date. Angry legal: 472-1791.

FREE JIMI !
FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS!
FREE THE PEOPLE!

APPEAL DENIED

I've been convicted of battery on a police officer along with another brother who got a conviction for resisting arrest. Well, our plea was innocent because we are innocent! But the honorable 'pig judge' Dunne saw different. Even though our lawyer showed that the pigs that testified against us were lying in their teeth, we were still found guilty! Well now, we figured that this judge must be out of his mind or asleep during our trial because everyone else there could see through the lies that came out of these pigs mouths! So, the law says we can get an appeal. We're supposed to have a right to appeal. But it takes *about $700 to get an appeal! Where the hell are we* going to get that kind of bread? So, we filed to the court to try to get a free appeal. They said no dice!

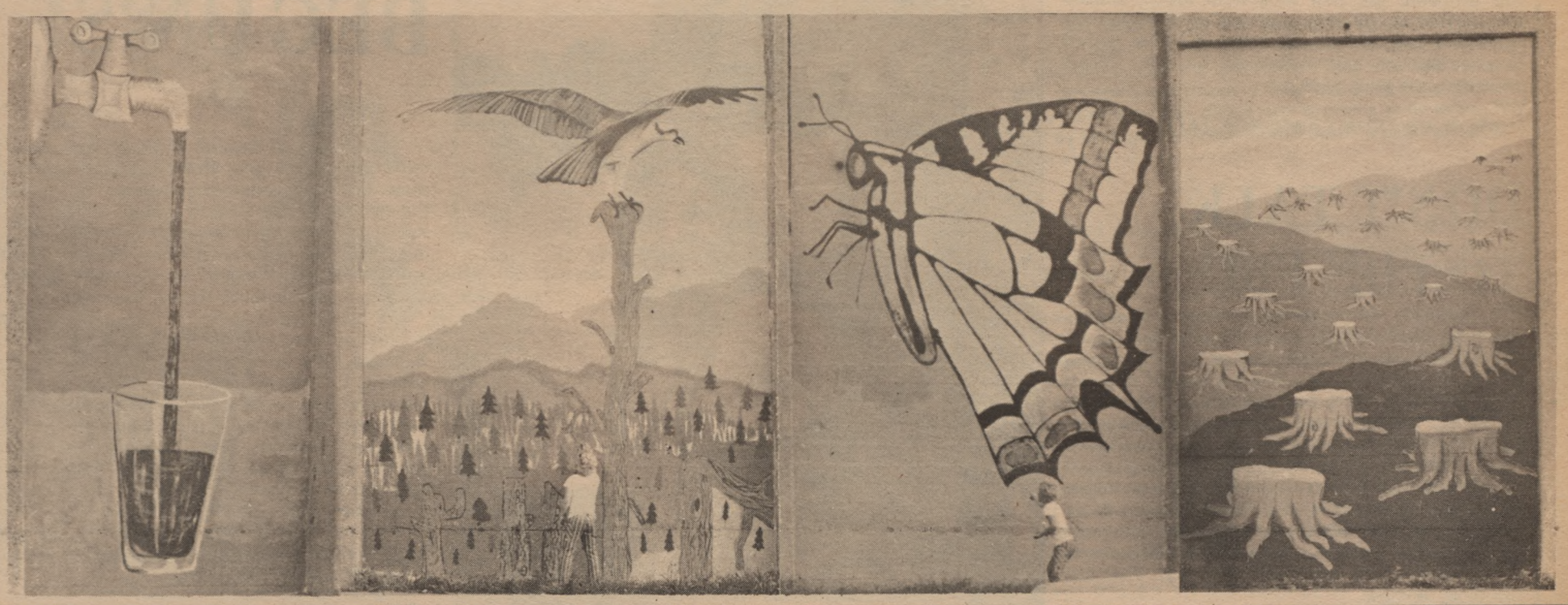
So here I am on 1 year probation and here's my brother having to pay a $200 fine for something we didn't do. And we're too poor to pay for an appeal. The charges are small, but we didn't do it and we know that there's a hell of a lot of people that are busted every day for heavier charges that also can't appeal their convictions because of a lack of bread!

The point is that those who can't pay, don't play. If you're too poor to pay, then your life is determined by the pigs!

LET'S START DETERMINING OUR OWN LIVES!!!

WALLS ARE THE PAGES OF THE PEOPLE'S BOOKS

Ecology paintings on the wall by the railroad tracks on Hubbard Street.



S OURS TO BUILD !

ORTEZ FREE

Ortez Alderson, one of the Pontiac Four who were convicted of ripping off draft files in Pontiac, Illinois was freed in August---or rather, sent from the federal prison in Ashland, Kentucky, to a halfway house here in Chicago. Ortez thought that the reason he was released before the other defendants---Patricia Pottinger, Phyllis Burke and Kevin Clark---was because "they probably wanted to get rid of me." No wonder---Ortez, who had been very active in the Black caucus of Gay Liberation Front before going to prison, had been busy organizing one of the only two prison gay liberation chapters in the country. Ortez's motives, as a gay liberationist for striking a blow against the draft were not clear to most gay people. The federal government is the worst discriminator against gay people, setting the tone for the universal policies of open antigay discrimination. The government refuses to hire gay people, calling us "unstable" and "security risks" because of our vulnerability to blackmail---yet if the government and other employers did not fire everyone whom they discovered to be gay, no gay federal employee would fear blackmail. (Recently, however, in a precedent-setting case, a gay brother who had been fired from the Post Office took that to court and won.) The government makes it a criminal offense for gay people to be in the military, yet makes them fear to admit their gayness to the Selective Slavery people. The draft blatently calls gayness a sickness, in Ortez's words, the federal government" gives the good housekeeping seal" and the military service and employment by the government and pig kapitalists are hardly privilege. It was necessary for some gay liberationist to take action against an important legitimatizer of gay persecution.

The other Pontiac Four defendants will probably be out between now and December.

PIGS FOILED BEATING INDIANS

I was coming home really early on Saturday morning, after being out all night Friday night. When I got to the corner of Racine & Wilson I saw these two pigs beating an Indain. I stopped to see what was happening and I saw that the pigs had the brother handcuffed. I went up to the pigs and said why are you beating this guy. The pig told me to shut up or I'll do the same to you.

So I used my brain and told the pigs that a friend of mine had just taken some pictures of them beating the brother. This put the pigs really uptight and they cut the brother loose. As it was, I didn't really have a friend taking any pigtures, but it did work to get the brother cut loose. That's really all I wanted to do. If we all use our brains, we will be able to outsmart the pigs.

STOP THE PIG
STP
SERVE THE PEOPLE

The judge is packin !

There's a judge in Salinas, California who goes to court packing. That's right. We can all look forward to fascist justice right in the courtroom.

This judge was sitting behind the bench when 2 prisoners were brought in who were accused of assaulting a guard at Soledad prison. When one of the prisoners became "unruly"---that is started demanding his rights---the judge pulled a gun on him.

It used to be we just got bound and gagged and chained to a chair in the courtroom when we demanded our rights.

Then we got beaten and clubbed by the fascists when we spoke up.

But now we really know where it's at---the true face of American justice has finally come out from behind its mask.

FREE BOGAN NOW

BROTHERS KICKED OUT OF BOGAN FOR VIOLATING DRESS CODE.

Bogan high school is run pretty tight; its located in an uptight section of the southwest side, at 79th and Pulaski. There are no black students in the school. The administration rules the students like the gestapo and they went berserk when school opened, kicking kids out for long hair, mustaches, and everything in violation of their archaic dress code.

Students can't wear blue jeans, boots, shirts with political symbols or writing on them, hot pants, shorts, or go without socks or nylons. Everyone has to be clean shaven (no mustaches or beards), they can't smoke on school grounds, and Rising Up Angry is not allowed in the school.

But things at Bogan will be different this year. In response to this repressive behavior by the administration, sisters and brothers issued a leaflet:

On Sept. 9, 1971, while sitting in his office, Wild Bill called a meeting with his flunkies. At this meeting a decidion was made, a decision to wipe out all of Bogan's longhairs. Putting on his ten gallon hat, thinking he was John Wayne, he mounted his white horse, kicked it in the side with his silver spurs, and rode off to make the busts.

81 brothers were thrown out of school that day for having long hair, wearing blue jeans and other so-called dress code violations. We are asking all you brothers and sisters to unite to end the fascist dress code.

All progressive sisters and brothers, with long or short hair, should not let this b.s. slide, for it effects us all. Wild Bill's aim is simply to keep us in line, to turn us into plastic robots who would work unquestioningly in the establishment's factories and offices.

Wild Bill and his flunkies are also trying to divert our attention and energy from the far more important issues and problems that face us all today. We are speaking of the war, the draft, fascism, hunger and poverty, conditions in prisons, male chauvanism, police brutality and other issues that effect millions of people of all color in Chicago, the US and throughout the entire world.

What Wild Bill doesn't understand is that the more they repress us, the more we rebel, for it is proven by history that repression breeds resistance. The time has come to stand together like a mighty fist and fight this harassment and violation of our personal and collective freedom.

DOWN WITH WILD BILL!!!
POWER TO THE STUDENTS!!!
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!

A sister from Rising Up Angry, Diane Fager, speaking at the Civic Center on Sept. 18th. at a demonstration protesting the Attica Massacre.

SUPPORT PRISONERS!

MASS DEMONSTRATION
SATURDAY - OCTOBER 2nd - 2pm.
at 26th & CALIFORNIA (in the parkway across the street).
SPEAKERS WILL BE FROM:
BLACK PANTHER PARTY
RISING UP ANGRY
and others....

There will be demonstrations held all over the country to protest the inhuman conditions that prisoners have to endure. We must let the prisoners know we support them and you can be sure they'll know we're outside of Cook County Jail next Saturday.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

THE BEAT OF

WORKERS ON THE MOVE

WORKING CONDITIONS AND HUMAN RELATIONS AT EMBOSSOGRAPH

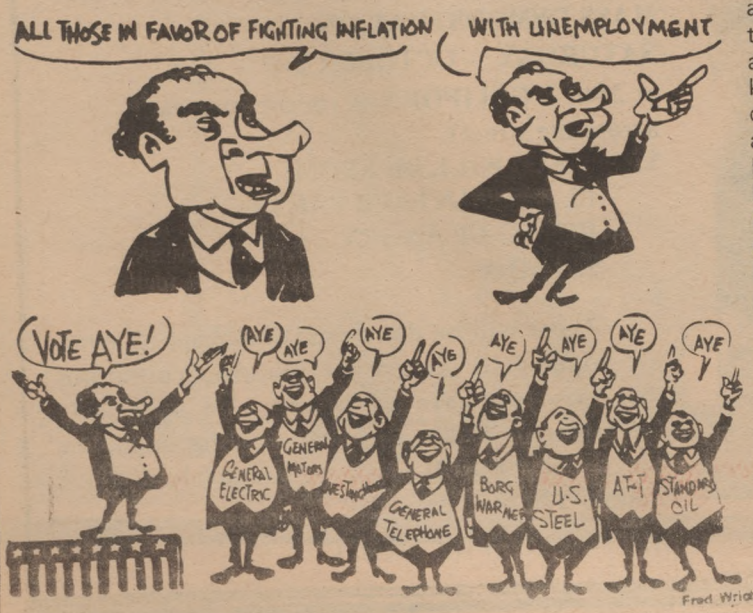
The following article is reprinted from a paper, THE EMBOSSED WORKERS' NEWSLETTER, put out by workers at Embossograph Display Manufacturing Co. When the workers begin to move in a revolutionary fashion, capitalism is on its last legs. Right on to the Embossograph workers.

Before listing some specific demands concerning working conditions, it should be pointed out that the hospitalization and surgical plan at Embossograph is scandalous. The high costs and low benefits are an insult to our intelligence. Workers under United Automobile Workers contracts have received free hospitalization since 1961. We have to begin to think in terms of what is just and right and not terms of what will the bosses give us. Why do we accept the fact that the company will bust its hind end to keep machines in good condition and repair, spending thousands and thousands of dollars a year on a single machine while workers and their families suffer? Is it really so far fetched to suggest that people are more important than machines and that total health care, including preventive medicine, is the right of all workers at no cost to the worker? Is there any question that Swartz has the best medical care and that it comes from profits squeezed from you?

To return to the demands, listed below are just a few things that workers have mentioned in recent conversations. You will undoubtedly know of many others. Send them along.

1. Stop killing us with deadly fumes. Every can of paint used by the company warns against breathing the fumes. Install the fans, filters, vents, hoods and other necessary equipment.
2. Air condition and properly heat the entire plant, or turn off the air conditioning in the summer and the heat in the winter in the big boys' offices.
3. Restore the use of all toilets.
4. Repair or replace the roof.
5. Remodel, enlarge, and then turn the lunch room over to the employees to run.
6. Install more drinking fountains.
7. Install adequate cushioning for all workers who must stand on concrete, steel or inadequately-padded floors.
8. Provide all fork lifts with protective cages.
9. Build emergency safety exits in the paint department and in all other locations where there is no escape route.
10. Fix the windows so escape is possible.
11. Install proper heat shields and cooling devices on all machines used in heat process operations.
12. Discontinue the insulting practice of branding workers as thieves by requiring them to turn in their cards when they leave the building.
13. Install the proper safety equipment on all machines so that maiming and mutilation ceases.
14. Purchase an automatic floor sweeper and seal all the floors to reduce the filthy conditions.
15. Provide music throughout the plant, the selections to be made by the workers.
16. Provide a decent lounge for women workers.

BOYCOTT LA-Z-BOY



The workers at LA-Z-BOY CHAIR COMPANY are on strike. They're angry! After lay-offs, shut-downs, attempted bribery, corporate spying on union meetings, firing of union organizers, police intimidation, and five months of futile bargaining, LA-Z-BOY workers have had enough! Plants in Michigan, South Carolina, Missouri, and Mississippi are shut down tight, and production is being effectively fouled up. The historic struggle to unionize the South has been a hard fought battle. Now with racist slurs and scab labor, LA-Z-BOY has tried to destroy all organizing efforts in its Southern plants. Throughout the whole history of Amerika the ruling class has run the game of splitting the people through racist tricks. But as people come together, struggle together, they realize their united power, and The Furniture Workers have come to realize their power.

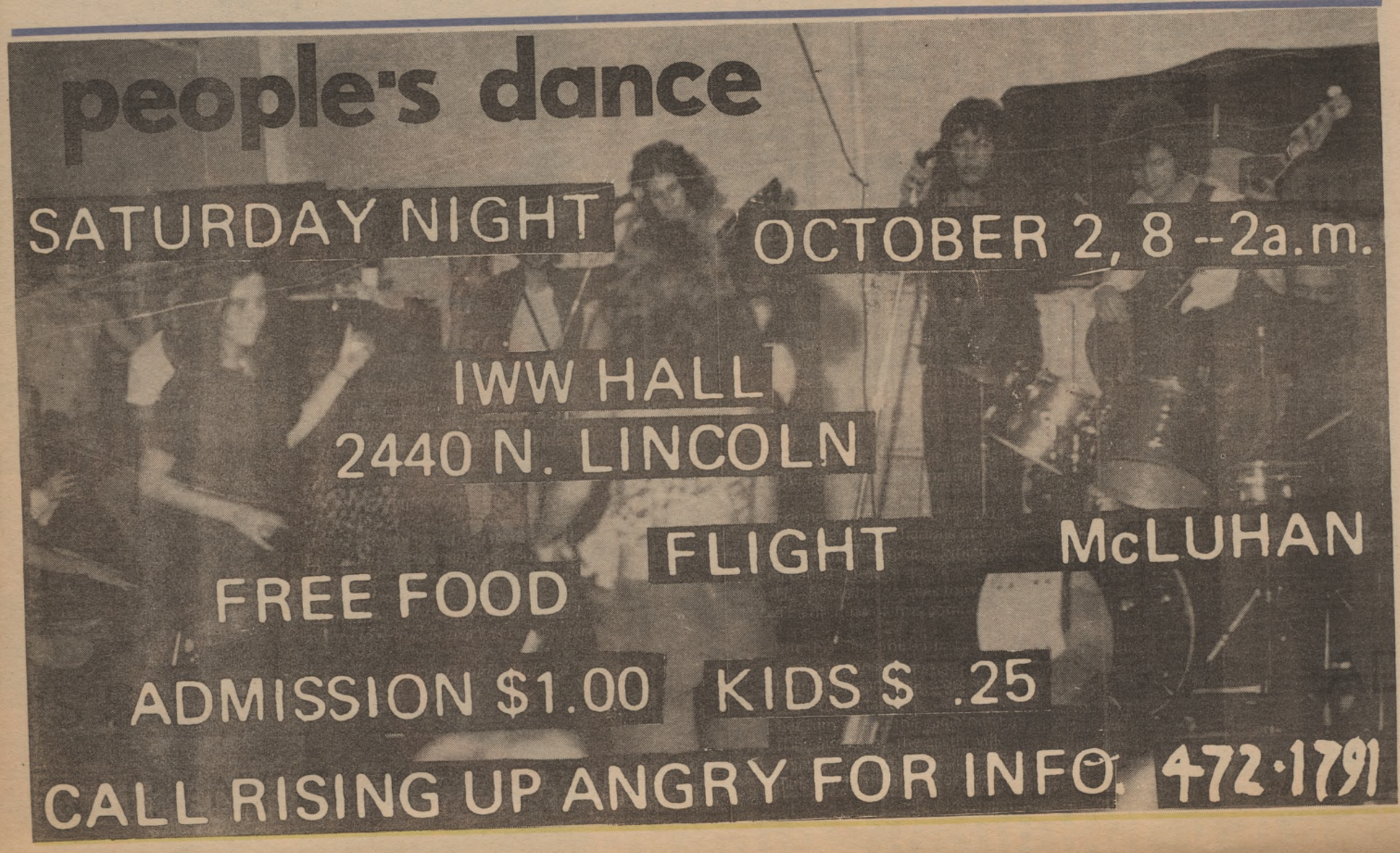
The Southern workers of La-Z-BOY get half the wages of their Northern sisters and brothers, yet they do the same work. When Southern workers went into debt on their wage-slave salary, and had to borrow from local finance companies, LA-Z-BOY would send their pay checks to the loan company first. The company would then cash the checks, take out what they pleased, and return what was left. This practice was smashed by the union. But now LA-Z-BOY only offers a 10 cent raise, not even enough to keep up with inflation.

This pig capitalist company has had its most profitable year in '71. They have netted over $52 million, with pure profits of more than $10.5 million. While its workers are forced to strike for better wages and working conditions, LA-Z-BOY's top four executives make over $710,000 a year. This company could have paid every worker $1 more for every hour worked in the past year, and still finished with a before-tax profit of over $6 million. Although the workers created this wealth, they are forced to fight for its left-over change.

The strike goes on (now over a month and a half old) ignoring Nixon's no-strike, wage-price freeze farce. Here in Chicago, picketts have been placed at Smyth Furniture Company on Michigan, and Fish Furniture on Lincoln and also on North. Wallen-Fine has agreed not sell the chairs while negotiations go on with Wieboldts, the warehouses and various other stores. Montgomery Wards will see picketts infront of their glossy store fronts soon.

Help the Furniture Workers, boycott LA-Z-BOY, and support their struggle.

THE PEOPLE



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Headquarters---8160 N. Lincoln---Skokie

Rising Up Angry isn't being given out for free in high schools anymore. For the past 2 years when most of us didn't know too much about the revolution, we passed Angry's out for free so our people would understand what the revolution was about. In passing out our paper for free we lost a lot of money, but it was worth it because if our people never heard of the revolution before, they wouldn't support us. After reading Angry for a while lots of brothers and sisters in the high schools have become revolutionaries (and that's exactly what we need). As a matter of fact, in the last few years people's revolutionary consciousness has greatly increased and now people all over the city in schools, factories, and neighborhoods actively support the revolution and Angry. With this growing consciousness our paper rates have greatly increased and now that high school students know they won't be getting Angry for free anymore, we are confident our paper sales will increase even more.

With people's revolutionary understanding on the increase, we have been able to develop many programs to serve the people. So the money we make on paper sales, besides being used to put out the next issue of the paper, goes to support our free breakfast for children program, our legal program, etc. So not giving out the paper for free anymore solves 2 problems – one, we get a little bread to help build the revolution and secondly, we give the people a way to actively support us, even if it only means paying 25 cents for lots of information.

This change of policy also means a revolutionary way for you to make bread. In the past when we gave the paper away free – it was hard on the sellers. But now that's wide open. So if you want to help Angry out and make some bread, come by the Angry Angry office (2744 N. Lincoln) Mon. through Sunday from 12 – 6:00 pm and Wed. night from 7 – 9 pm. You pay 12½ cents for a paper and keep 12½ cents.

SEIZE THE TIME!!!
SELLING IS RIGHT ON!!!

sell angry!

MY NAME IS ATTICA

I AM EVERYONE

On Monday, September 13, President Richard Nixon and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller of New York, along with several other public officials, conspired to murder, in cold blood, at least 41 people when they ordered 1700 N.Y. State police and national guardsmen to attack cellblock D at Attica Prison. Nixon and Rockefeller justified this massacre by saying that the prisoners had slit the throats of some of their hostages. This proved to be an outright lie when it turned out that the only people killed at Attica on September 13th were killed by the pigs. The real reason for the mass murder was because the pigs in power have no regard for human life and are incapable of treating prisoners (and the rest of us) as humans. Instead of meeting the 28 demands of the prisoners, Rockefeller and Nixon decided it was better to sacrifice some of their own men along with the prisoners to prove that you cannot rebel and win in America.

What actually happened at Attica? On September 9th, nearly 2,000 prisoners took control of Attica State Prison in New York. They seized 38 guards and civilians as hostages. During the first day the brothers had complete control of the prison, but armed police forced them back. Still they held cellblock D. The brothers set up camp in the courtyard and called in the news media and a group of outside negotiators, including attorney William Kuntsler and Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party. The prisoners had a list of 28 demands including total amnesty for taking part in the uprising. They demanded that Gov. Nelson Rockefeller come to the prison to negotiate. Rockefeller would not come and Russell Oswald (State Prison Correction Commissioner) would not grant the brothers amnesty from criminal proceedings. On Monday morning, September 13th, helicopters began shooting teargas into the prison yard and 1700 state troopers and national guardsmen, armed with machine guns, rifles and shotguns, attacked the prisoners who were armed with only clubs. In the end - over 41 people including 10 hostages, were slaughtered by the pigs.

But these are only the facts of what happened at Attica. We've got to put the facts together to see what really went on. Most important is the fact that the attack on the brothers at Attica did not discourage us from revolting - it encouraged us. What happened at Attica should be seen as an example for all of us to study.

And what is that example? What can we learn from Attica? First we should clear up one thing - the rebellion in Attica didn't begin because there were some 'militants' there. As the brothers put it, "The entire incident that has errupted here at Attica is not a result of the dastardly bushwacking of the 2 prisoners on Sept. 8, but of the unmitigated oppression wrought by the racist administrative network of this prison throughout the years." .... "We are MEN. We are not beasts and we don't intend to be beaten or driven as such. We will not compromise on any terms, except those agreeable to us." The revolt at Attica stemmed from the violence of the prison system - the brutal beatings, the isolation cells, the secret murders and the overall inhumane conditions. The prisoners' 28 demands reflected this desire to be treated as human beings. And the only way the prisoners could get their demands (demands that were later called justified by prison officials) known was by seizing hostages as a bargaining tool. (But in the end the prisoners underestimated how cold blooded the government could be. Because the government decided to attack the prisoners in the middle of negotiations - sacrificing 10 of their own men. The prisoners did not realize how <u>little</u> regard for human life Rockefeller really had.)

So the revolt at Attica was the only way oppressed people could make their voices heard. And we heard those voices when one brother said, "Oppressed people all over the world, we got the solution and the solution is unity." And the unity between brothers of all races - black, brown and white - was obvious to all from the interracial security forces to at least 3 members of the central committee being white (in a prison where 85% of the prisoners weren't white). There was no division along racial lines among the prisoners, as the mass media would have us believe. This meant some of the white brothers had to go thru some heavy changes. As Blease Montgomery from Hamlet, North Carolina, put it, "Man, there's people in here we treated like dogs down home... but I want everyone to know we gon' stick together, we gon' get what we want, or we gon' to die together." The best way to summarize the total unity of the brothers in cellblock D is by quoting one brother who, when asked his name said, "My name is Attica - I am everyone."

Besides this total togetherness, the brothers at Attica showed us that a high degree of organization is necessary. There was a central committee, leadership that was respected by everyone. Decisions were made democratically by all the rebels, there was tight security; guards were well taken care of. The military preparation was complete with trenches, electrified fences and tunnels.

The prisoners showed their humanity (as opposed to the inhumanity of Rockefeller and Nixon) in the way they cared for the hostages. Guards who needed medical attention were released. The hostages ate what the prisoners ate and the hostages slept on mattresses while the prisoners slept on the ground. The prisoners didn't kill anyone.

The prisoners at Attica recognized, because of their humanity and their high degree of political consciousness, that they were part of a much larger struggle. They are part of the people. The violence brought down against the prisoners is the same violence that is brought down against the Vietnamese and against us every day. And the brothers in Attica understood that their example would be followed by thousands of people all over the world. So they demanded not only things for themselves, but also freedom for Angela Davis, the Soledad Brothers and other members of the Black Panther Party. What happened at Attica was more than a prison revolt - it was a revolutionary uprising.

And the uprising at Attica should make us even more committed to building the revolutionary movement here - a revolutionary movement that some day will not only free the sisters and brothers in all the prisons, but will free all of us. As a step in building this movement, we must demand 3 things immediately:

1) That the 28 original demands of the prisoners be met - including the demand for amnesty.

2) That corrections commissioner Oswald, Supt. Mancusi and Gov. Rockefeller, resign.

3) The establishment of an international commission to investigate the penal system of the U.S.

These demands are just a beginning for us. We must learn from Attica - about the untiy, the organization and the level of political consciousness. But most importantly we must understand that those brothers that died at Attica made the supreme sacrifice for us. They sacrificed their lives so we might better see what needs to be done. And the spirit of Attica lives - just as the spirit of George Jackson lives - and the spirit of Che Guevara lives. The spirit of the people lives and that's what carries the revolution forward. They can never kill the spirit of the people!

LONG LIVE ATTICA!

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

RUA

PRISON POEMS

HA
I've learned the intricate use of
the word 'mucker fucker.' I'm an
expert whacker now I can change
hands and gain a stroke Rehabilitation
What a joke!
Lie to the Shrink for "reds" and "uppers"
Stab you brother for a pack of smokes
Work for pennies watch color TV
perpetuate the joke rehabilitation
Ha!

Blue Denim

let us start these glorious fires

brothers and sisters,
as aires retreats mauled
from the revolutionary onslaught of change
and dissolution rushes forward
to embrace the tenacles of oppression
I see us collectively
struggling to break the bonds
of conformity and capitalism

and I see us
passing through the simple splendor
of all the colored seasons
like wisps of misty wonder
twisting and seething into the legal
madness of our murderous elders.

and I see us
fiercely gringing down the muck
of our involuntary conditioning
which grossly violates us
in our naked moments of godpassion

and I see us
racing into the flames of revolution
where love and bravery is everywhere!

J. Douglas Halford

Let the Eagle Scream

UP . . . there, on yonder hill
The eagle sits alone
Untouched by all the world below
The entire earth he owns.

In utter scorn, this hateful beast
Has plundered all the world
With sword in hand, he's made all
man
To humble at his feet.

Humanity has lifted it's bloody
head
And cried into the storm-filled
sky
Mankind has did what he has bid
The eagle is yet -- unsatisfied.

For he alone has perched atop
The splendid cathedrals of Europe
And from his throne, which we've
called home
He shouts his decrees to we--
The dredges of this community.

But this fierce bird of prey has
one opponent
Lying dormant in a scorched and
wretched land
Let him sleep,, the eagle mutters
If he awakens, the earth will
shudder
This foe in the image of a lamb.

But awaken he shall, and when
he does--
All Hell shall erupt
He shall destroy magnificently
The half naked whore who stands
off shore
With lying lantern held aloft;
Plowsheats beat into sword of war
He shall reduce the eagle to naught.

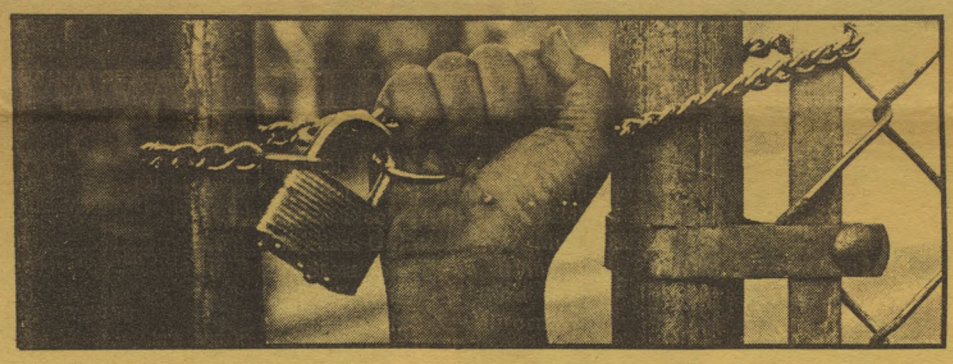
So do not be intimidated when the
eagle
Spreads his wings
His days of wrath are numbered
So I say -- Let the eagle scream!

Alprentice (Bunchy) Carter

TAX HIM

Now he is a common man.
Tax him, tax him all you can.
Tax his house and tax his bed.
Tax the bald spot on his head.
Tax his bread, tax his meat,
Tax his shoes clean off his feet.
Tax his pipe and tax his smoke,
Teach him government is no joke.
Tax his 'henry' tax his gas,
Tax the road that he must pass,
Tax the farmer, tax the fowl,
Tax the dog, and tax his howl,
Tax the plow and tax his clothes,
Tax the rags that wipe his nose,
Tax his pig and tax his squeal,
Tax his boots run down at heel.
Tax his cow and tax his calf,
Tax him if he dares to laugh,
Tax his barns and tax his lands,
Tax the blisters on his hands.
Tax the water, tax the air,
Tax the sunlight if you dare,
Tax the living, tax the dead,
Tax the unborn 'fore they are fed.
Tax them all and tax them well
And do your best to make life hell.

Robert Lindstrand



HO CHI MINH PRISON POEMS

VISITING HER HUSBAND IN PRISON

The husband is inside the iron bars.
The wife is outside the iron bars, looking in.
So near they are, only separated by inches,
And yet so distant, like sky and depths of the sea.
What no words utter,their desperate eyes relate.
Before each word, their eyes brim over with tears.
Who could stand here and watch their meeting, unmoved?

SADNESS

The whole world is ablaze with flames of war,
And men compete as to who will be first at the front.
In jail inaction weighs heavily on the prisoner.
My noble ambitions are valued at less than a cent!

AT THE END OF FOUR MONTHS

"One day in jail is equal to a thousand years outside it..."
How right were the ancients,expressing it in those words!
Four months leading a life in which there is nothing human
Have aged me more than ten years.
Yes in a whole four months I have never eaten my fill,
In four months I have never had a comfortable night's sleep,
In four months I have never changed my clothes, and in four months
I have never taken a bath.
So: I have lost a tooth, my hair has grown grey,
And, lean and black as a demon gnawed by hunger,
I am covered with scabs.
Fortunately
Being stubborn and patient, never yielding and inch,
Though physically I suffer, my spirit is unshaken.

Love is not lost

Love is not lost
If you look within
The shedding of tears;
it has merely been mislaid.

The monster fear
Survives on naivete,
Thereby to falsify
The loss.

When you hear
The burning cry
Of one who is empty,
You need not justify
To yield
and give love.

Love is not lost;
It flounders
In the inner chambers
Of the self.

Joseph Bruton

no title poem

before a woman becomes grown
if she's black and poor
she learns that the world
is cold ready to rape you
of everything
if a blackgirlchild wants to ever
become free she has to really
struggle like we did
shouts of hatred
and screams of amerikan misunderstanding
prison can make you look back on a lifetime
of bitterness...
handed down clothes
cold winter nights
—for whites only,
colored served here
etc.
memories only other black women could understand
fully
of trying to be what ain't
of trying to see what's not
of trying to rid ourselves of what never was
of men crying
of children dying
of abortions-just because...
memories of harsh and cruel alley ways
where people live
of "police" who not only attack with weapons
but with words (which you cannot combat)
if you're black and poor and female
like my mama
like me and my sisters

ericka huggins
niantic prison 1970

BOARD of HEALTH VS. THE PEOPLE

Several free people's medical clinics have been serving the people of Chicago for some time now. It hasn't been easy, since the city of Chicago feels very threatened by people who know that "health care is a human right" and who will fight for it. Last winter, a law to regulate the free "dispenseries" (as the city calls them) came directly out of Mayor Daley's office. This law applies only to the free health centers and states:

1 - patients records should be made open to the board of health for inspection.

2 - the clinics should be open for inspection by the board of health.

3 - the clinics should be totally regulated by the board of health.

The reason for opening the clinics was because people could not get adequate, much less good, health care from the board of health. They do have a few free centers around the city but they are just token so that city officials can say they exist. And the city doesn't even keep up the centers that do exist. The following is a copy of the minutes from a board of health meeting. They were "lifted" to let the people see how they are really run:

MINUTES OF STAFF MEETING AT STATION 15

The monthly Staff Meeting of Station 15 was held May 14, 1971 at 3:00 p.m. All nurses, aides, clerks, Mrs. Babbs, Drs. Werksman, Bismonte, Patel were present. The Dentist, Dr. Kosak, was present only a short time.

The general ideas of how to improve clinic services to the public were informally discussed.

1.) The Drug Supplies are currently up to date but need frequent inventorying and ordering in order to keep the Clinic well supplied.

2.) The Visiting Nurses requested help from the Central Office in having their building complaints handled more expeditiously. Several flagrant building code violations have been reported by the nurses repeatedly but without any response.

3.) The Aides requested better janitorial services, which presently seem to be nonexistent. The Staff, in general, expressed feelings of discontent and disgust in having to work in a clinic with such dirty floors, washrooms, walls, kitchen, curtain-partitions.

The following was also requested:

1.) More telephones, as patients claim they could not get through to the Clinic, and so walked in without appointment.

2.) Adequate garbage collection from rear of clinic--parking lot always littered with filth, broken bottles strewn and windblown garbage.

3.) Water fountain for children.

4.) Improvement of patient washroom.

5.) Regular scrubbing and waxing of floor, at least monthly.

6.) Repair of peeling and leaking walls.

cc: Dr. Zackler
Mr. King

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One example of the city governments neglect of health problems is the lack of testing, especially children, for diseases and poisoning in order to prevent death or severe physical damage. For instance, sickle cell anemia is a serious problem in the black community. The city never dealt with this disease which takes the lives of many children and adults. The Black Panther Party initiated testing for sickle cell anemia thru their free health clinic. Since then they have made demands on the city to provide these tests in other places - such as schools. Another example of the citys neglect is in testing and treatment for lead poisoning.

Mayor Daley and his crooked cronies don't like to be reminded that they don't do anything to make life decent for the people of this city. They especially don't like to be forced to spend time and money on the people's needs - they'd rather spend the money on themselves. (They like to buy stock in race tracks or just stash money away in old tin boxes). So, when people take matters into their own hands and do something like open free medical centers - the city tries to stop them. All the new law regulating free clinics is for is to get the city in the doors of the clinics in order to figure out how to shut them down.

All of the free clinics have received applications for licensing by the board of health and some have received a summons to appear in court. Obed Lopez from the LADO clinic was arrested for refusing to let the board of health inspect their files. When the city had hearings on free health clinics, last summer, a woman from the Young Patriots Clinic in Uptown was dragged from the courtroom and beaten while she was trying to give testimony against the laws the city was trying to pass.

We know that profit motivated medical care leaves a lot of people dying - if you don't have money, you die! So people all over the city are in a life or death battle to keep free people's health clinics open. Join the struggle - find the free clinic nearest your community - use the clinic to keep yourself healthy - volunteer some time to work in the clinic to serve the people and prepare to "de-Boss" Daley when he tries to close the clinics down!

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deciding

In 1969, approximately 1/3 of the babies born in Chicago were so--called "illegitimate" children. Actually, it's a lot more than that because 1/3 is merely the official statistic, which means the births recorded through a social agency (such as Catholic charities, Welfare, etc.) The 1/3 does not include the sisters who have their babies under fake names (Mrs. so and so) and fake ages---which is obviously a high number.

For some people this is a shocking thought--something they just don't understand. But for most sisters, all over the city, from 13 on up, it is the reality of the changing times. On one hand people are feeling more honest and free about sex and more cynical about marriage as the answer to their problems. The broken marriages of their friends and parents point this out to them. Divorce is now an accepted part of life. Sisters are not waiting until they're married to have sex, yet they have always been taught to feel guilty about premarital sex and so, they still do, leaving many sisters not taking it seriously---such as the real and ever present possibility of becoming pregnant. It is one thing to have a child and prepare for the responsibility, but it's another thing to have a child simply because you didn't use any birth control; and worse if you don't want a child and have to deal with "the accident". But, unfortunately, even when a young couple does get themselves together enough to seek birth control it is not an easy task. Good doctors and reliable birth control costs money and education is rarely available.

So, each year the statistic climbs. But statistics are merely numbers---they don't speak for the problems of thousands of unwed mothers. For some of them, the whole pregnancy is a mistake. They should have been able to get an abortion. But, due to the fact that abortions are illegal in Illinois and the guilt and shame girls feel in this situation, many sisters who should get an abortion are not able to. This is a tragic situation because many girls whose lives have just begun are already tied down by a child they don't know how to deal with. The situation sisters face when they decide to go ahead and have the child are varied. For some---their parents are understanding and if they decide to keep the child it is often accepted as part of the family. Other parents will accept their daughters decision to give the baby up for adoption and help them thru this difficult time. But for many girls the situation is the opposite. Their parents are uptight and mad at their daughters for embarrasing them in front of their neighbors. Other times their anger stems from purely financial problems (one more mouth to feed). So the parents demand that the baby be adopted and sometimes try to force their daughters to stay in homes for unwed mothers. Some sisters want to stay in the neighborhood and have their child---the idea of adoption is a drag---but due to pressures they just get depressed and do what their parents want, anyway, accepting guilt and shame. Other times they runaway---anything to keep their child.

In situations like this its hard to say what a sister should do because sometimes the reasons we decide to have a child come from a bad place. As this country gets more fascist and uptight we feel more and more alone and isolated from each other. For, women, we are taught that the answer to our loneliness and frustrations is to have a child. But really, children are little people themselves with needs and desires. We should not think to have children to solve our problems. It's good to love them and help them grow but we have to be emotionally ready to do that. Another thing that has to be dealt with is that since isolation is a problem in the first place, we can't raise our children alone---isolated from other children or other adults. We should raise our children communal Sisters should look to their friends and family for help. In some neighborhoods this is already happening. Girls who, 2 years ago, would have been real uptight about being pregnant and hide at home once the kid was born, are now bringing the children to the corner. One sister told me that the guys dig it and have fun playing with the kids.

Of course sometimes---people go too far and only selfishly think of themselves---like staying at the corner real late, without caring about the child's need for sleep. Or, never taking out time to do things that your child just wants to do---like going to the playground or the zoo. Some of this means making a sacrifice and being more sensitive to your child's needs. It also means some help from your friends. Like in some groups, even people who don't have any children still take their turn at sitting and playing with the children. In a revolutionary group both the men and women understand that communal child rearing is a necessity because it hurts the mother, the child and the organization to have the mothers always tied down.

For sisters who feel they are ready to be a mother and have thought it through, but their parents insist they give the baby up for adoption, there are a few things that you can do---even tho the laws are stacked against you and real justice for unwed mothers is next to impossible. For instance, a parent cannot legally force you to give your baby up for adoption. Even if they try to take you to court, you can fight them and get somewhat a better alternative. You can have your baby placed in a foster home until you are 18 and then you can get the child back. At least the baby will still be legally yours. Also, if you are under 18 but have already been married or were supporting yourself, you can apply for welfare as an emancipated youth---you can receive aid and keep your child. If your parents objection is purely financial, you should tell them that they can receive public aid for the cost of supporting the child including a sum for rent, even if they were not previously on public aid. If you are on probation or are in any way a ward of the state, the situation is still the same; your parents or your parole officer cannot force you to give up your child for adoption.

In other words---if you are an unwed mother your rights are few and the cards are stacked against you. But everyday the statistics climb and everyday more sisters are facing these problems.

Rising Up Angry understands both sides of the coin---the sisters on the one hand who don't want to have children yet---but do. And on the other hand---the sisters who want children now but have no support anywhere---both emotional and financial. We are building for a new society where sisters will control their bodies to be able to decide when and if to have children.

help deciding:

For more specific information contact Rising Up Angry.

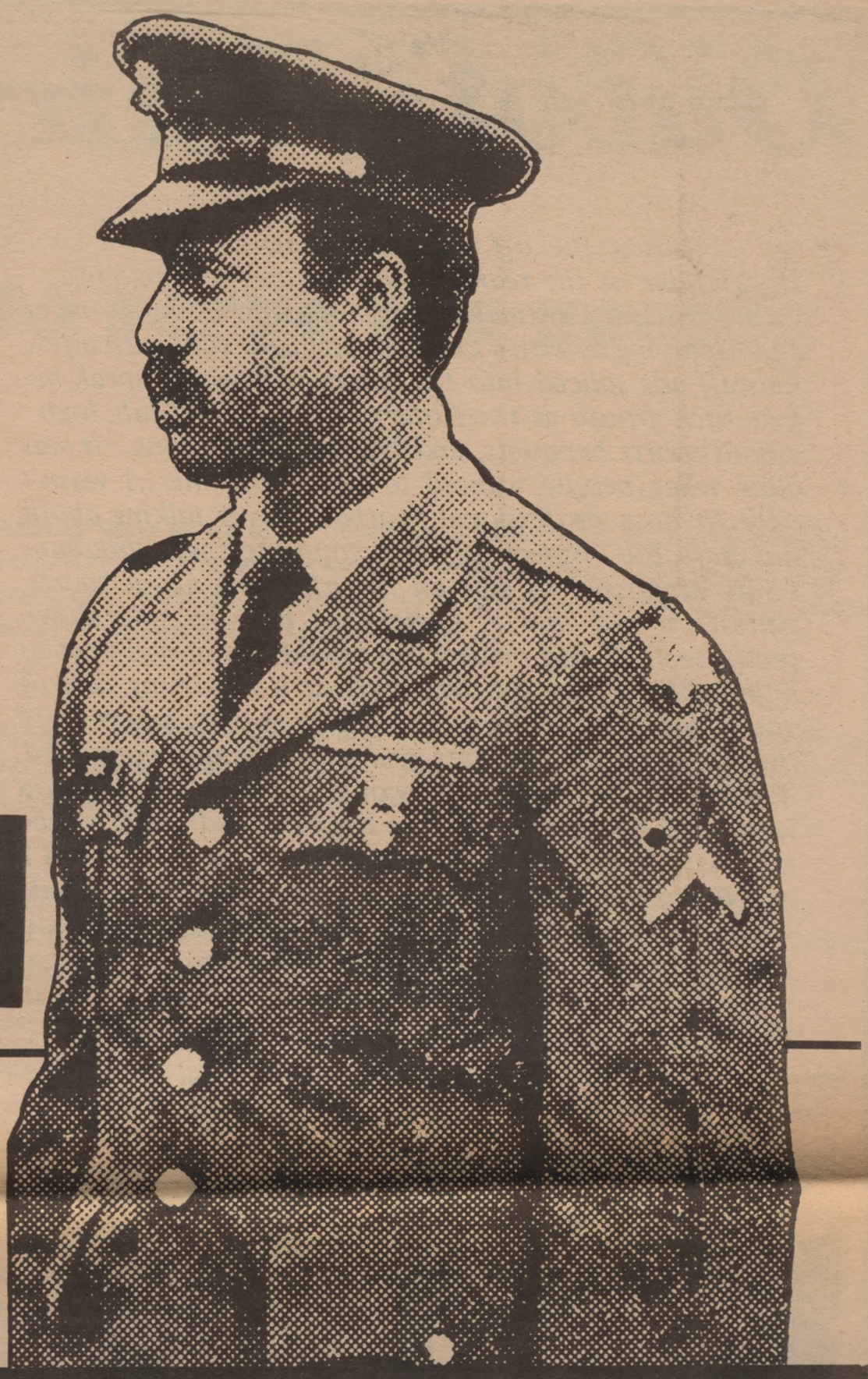
1. Welfare and legal counseling---Wednesday nights, 7-9 at 2744 N. Lincoln.

2. Birth Control Conseling---call to set up a time to meet with a sister from Angry. 472-1791.

3. Abortion Counseling---call Jane at this number, 643--3844.

4. Pre-Natal and Pediatric Care---Fritzi Englestein Free People's Health Center.
Monday, 6-9p.m., Wednesday, 6-9p.m.
Diversey and Wilton, phone 348-8578.

FREE PVT. BILLY SMITH



Pvt. Billy Dean Smith is on trial for his life at Ft. Ord, California. He is charged with two counts of premeditated murder against 2 lieutenants (not from his unit), the attempted murder of his C.O. (a captain) and a 1st Sgt., and two counts of assault on 2 M.P.s. The brass is seeking the death penalty. What makes Billy's case so important is that it is the first fragging case to be tried in the U.S. and the brass are trying to murder Billy Smith as an example to all the other brothers who are resisting the "army way of life" and the U.S. agression in southeast Asia.

Billy Smith is a 23 year old black GI who was drafted into the army after he tried everything he could to get out of it. (One time he just walked out of his physical). Billy spoke out and acted against racism and the war and the oppressive brass. As fragging began to increase in Nam (the pentagon admits there was 209 in 1970) the lifers saw that they would have to put some "troublemakers" on trial as an example. The brass was so terrified in Billy's unit that the grenades were locked up every night. Billy's charges grow out of an incident in March of 1971 in Bien Hoa, Vietnam where two lieutenants were fragged. The only evidence that the brass has that Billy had anything do do with any fragging was that he had a grenade pin in his pocket. Based on this flimsy evidence Billy has been in solitary confinement ever since---1st in Long Binh jail in Nam and now at Ft Ord.

If you analyze closely Billy Smith's case you can see it is just a small example of what's going on in the military. First, Billy is supposed to be considered innocent until proven guilty. But, he's been held in solitary while Lt. Calley, who has already been found guilty of mass murder of Vietnamese, has all kinds of priviliges. No one ever really believed that there was justice in the Army, but the contrast between the way Pvt. Smith, (black, draftee, against the war and against lifers) and Lt. Calley, (white, officer, gung ho, lifer) are being treated is just too blatent. Secondly, the imperialist war machine is falling apart because right--on brothers like Billy Smith are refusing to be cannon fodder any longer. Since the only way the brass can expect to hold the peons in line is through terror, they are seeking the death penalty for Billy to try to scare everyone else back into line.

Of course, you and I know that the brass are merely exposing themselves even more---both through the injustices of the system and as to how afraid they are of militant brothers in the service. Its up to us to demand that Billy Smith be set free. Period. He is a prisoner of war and his main enemy--the pigs of the pentagon and the imperialists---have no right to try him. And even if he weren't innocent, even if he did what he was accused of, he didn't commit any crime. He was fighting for our freedom so now we must fight for his.

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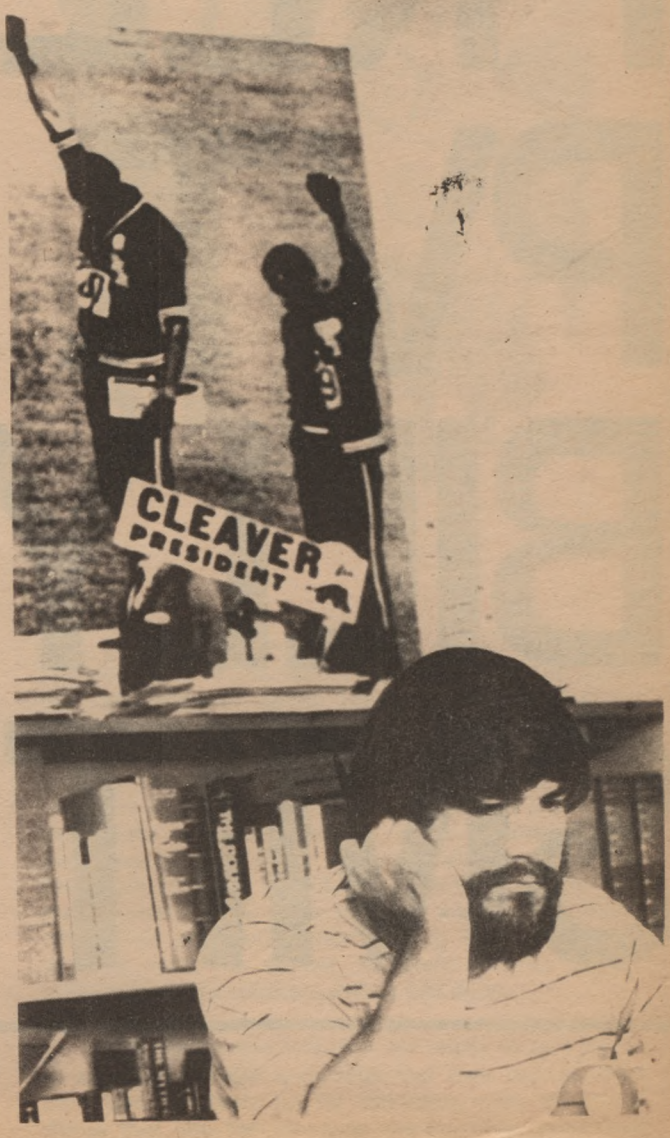
Out of Their League

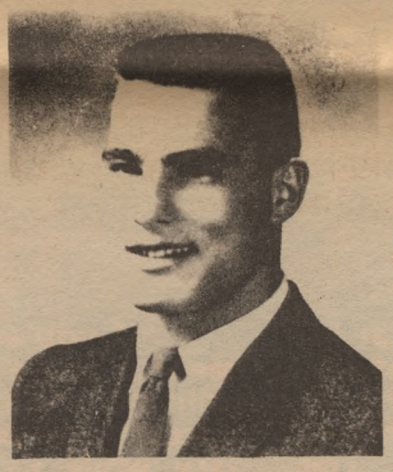
"During the off season Falstaff Brewers, a large stockholder in the team, would set up speaking engagements for the Cardinal players....paying us $35 a night and supplying us with a Cardinal highlight film with a few Falstaff ads spliced into the action. We would speak before such groups as the Rotary, or the Lion Club, high school sports banquets, and boyscout functions. It was clear what people wanted to hear from me....I wasn't only to be a professional football player talking about my craft, but - especially when youngsters were present - I was suppossed to give an inspiring talk about sports, patriotism and mental hygiene. I had the spiel down pretty well. I had never been taught it, but it is next to impossible to play football without it becoming part of you. I tole the kids they should always obey and respect their coaches and parents and to study and work hard. 'Football is just like life', I would explain, 'those of you who work the hardest and are the most dedicated will be the most successful. The competitiveness of football is excellent preparation for the competition of life.' I would conclude by emphasizing that playing football would develop in them the right values and attitudes.

Even then I only half believed it myself, and it wasn't too long before I saw it was absolute bullshit."

David Meggyesy, former linebacker
St. Louis Cardinals



Reading the pass, but checking for the draw against the Steelers in 1968.



Solon high school senior, 1958—butch wax and all

Dave Meggyesy grew up on football; it shaped his life and controlled him. But, ultimately he came to understand that the values on the football field were in contradiction to basic human values - and he quit. He has written a book exposing the game.

Looking back on his life and football career, he understood he had been forced to make a choice between being the person he wanted to be or playing football. The game demands your whole life and the coaches tried to turn him into a "hitting machine."

Meggyesy came from a poor family and football was his way out of the life that he and millions like him were destined for. He once got caught bombing the high school principals house with eggs on halloween, in his Ohio home town. For this he was not allowed to play in the big game. "I recognized the unlimited power those in control had, and I wanted to make sure they didn't get me again. From then on, I played it straight through the rest of high school."

But playing it straight meant he was forced to bend under the pressures and whims of coaches, principals, and the middle class suburban values that were pushed in his school. He recalls his attraction for a girl, and he learned that his coach was worried about him getting together with her. The coach said, "there are three things a person can do when he is in high school. He can play football, he can study to keep his average up, or he can go out with girls. And you can't do more than two of these things well." The coach said the girl Dave was going out with had "destroyed" (what ever that means) a top player the year before. Dave got the message -- "If I played ball with Coach Vogt and not with this girl, I would be sure to get a scholarship to Syracuse. I complied."

Meggyesy was good. He got offers of scholarships and special deals from both Syracuse and Louisiana State University. He played football at Syracuse for 4 years, and then did 7 more years with the Cardinals. He learned a lot about how the game works, how it is basically a miniature model of the capitalist system with all its dehumanizing values. Players in college got paid, and then got cut loose and shunned when they didn't need them any more. Meggyesy was offered money regularly. The University helped the athletic department (players had special tutors, were given A's for courses they never attended) because it was big money for the school as well as prestige. While some players got payed, they didn't get very much: "We were semi-professional and the only reason the National Collegiate Athletic Assoc. regulated scholarship money was to keep our wages down. We were a cheap labor pool that made great profits for the university while we were constantly told to be grateful for the opportunity we were getting."

He describes friends being used by coaches, shot full of novicane when in great pain, or given heavy hits of speed, in order to turn in a good day for the "team". He describes how he himself, played "shot up" when in great pain, in order to win approval from the coaches and not to lose his job. "I played for approval, not for any great love of the game....there is no really basic worth to the game. I can't separate the game from the pay-offs.. ...when society changes the way I hope it will, football will be obsolete."

Racism on the team, in school and later in pro-ball, led to a lot of Dave's dislike for the game. Black and white players were in seperate sleeping quarters, ate seperately and socialized seperately. The coaches made racist jokes about black players and refused to deal with complaints about the racism. Meggyesy, along with another Cardinal player, Rick Sortune, became involved with civil rights, then the war and then the revolution as a whole. The FBI kept a file on him while he was playing. Certain fans would scream at him or hold up signs saying "The Big Red thinks Pink." The coaches put him on the bench, at the expense of winning some games. They would have fired him at one point, but they backed off because they didn't want two scandals in one year. The issue of racism came out in the open and threw the management, the coaches and the players into a turmoil that split the team apart until the coaches regained control. Meggyesy describes outstanding black players who were cut for the "wrong attitude" - they wouldn't take any shit from the established white pros.

For a long time Dave led a split life, getting into politics and the revolution and then forcing himself to repress it in order to play ball and do what was "expected" of him. Finally he had enough, and quit, turning down a $35,000 contract offer. "After playing the sport most of my life, I've come to see that football is one of the most dehumanizing experiences a person can face, and in this book I'm going to tell you what's really behind the video glitter of the game - the racism and fraud, the unbelievable brutality that affects the mind as much as the body. To me, it is no accident that Richard Nixon, the most repressive President in American history, is a football freak...."

Check the book out - it's "Out of Their League".

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